GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2976
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2015
Height of Platforms
Somaiya Dr. Kirit

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is aware that due to low height of platforms the passengers in Mumbai sub-urban railway stations meet with accidents frequently;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the work of raising platform height of nine stations of Mumbai sub-urban railways has been started and is being monitored regularly;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the time by when the work would be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2976 BY DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.12.2015 REGARDING HEIGHT OF PLATFORMS

(a) and (b): The low height of platforms as compared to height of coach floor causes inconvenience in boarding sub-urban trains and accidents may occur if commuters try to entrain or detrain from moving trains. So far, 21, 19 and 34 persons have died due to such reasons in Mumbai sub-urban railways in 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively.

(c) to (e): 83 platforms on Central Railway and 145 platforms on Western Railway in Mumbai suburban section have been identified for raising of platform height from existing 760-840 mm to 840-920 mm. The work has been taken up and is being monitored by concerned railway authorities at appropriate level. So far, height of 43 platforms on Central Railway and 51 platforms on Western Railway have been raised. Balance work has been planned for completion during 2016-17 & 2017-18, subject to availability of funds.

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